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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1998/931 and S/1998/952)*

Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

11.30 a.m.	3935th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

   Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (S/1998/783 and Add.1)

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* To be followed by a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the 3935th meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3.30 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 38th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158].
2. Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.3) [159].
3. Observer status for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.4) [162].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Canada
Turkey
Norway
Islamic Republic of Iran
Belarus (Chairman of the Disarmament Commission)
New Zealand
Brunei Darussalam
Uzbekistan
Argentina
Cameroon
Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m.- 4 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 2

Operational activities [95] (A/53/226, A/53/226/Add.1-4, A/53/186, A/53/154, A/53/363, A/53/85)

Continuation of general discussion

4 p.m.- 6 p.m. 14th meeting (continued) Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "Building National Capacities: Some Lessons" [Panellists: Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and former Executive Director of IBRD, Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director, IMATEP, Madagascar, Mr. Peter Morgan, senior consultant on capacity-building, and Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation, Development Cooperation Policy Branch, DESA]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [103] (A/53/38/Rev.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/318, A/53/354, A/53/363, A/53/376, A/53/409 and A/53/447*)
2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311 and A/53/308)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 12 noon	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

12 noon- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125] (A/52/730/Add.2, A/52/730/Add.3 and Corr. 1 (French only) and Corr. 2 and A/53/474)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Tajikistan [136] (A/52/772/Add.2 and A/53/474)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140] (A/53/437 and A/53/481)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Programme planning [114] (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134)

   Conclusion of general discussion

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Human resources management [119]

   Gratis personnel provided by governments and other entities

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.8

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.- 12 noon	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Documents A/52/141, A/53/332 and Add.1

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (a) (Law of the sea)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

2. Draft reports

UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 15 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (c): draft resolutions on commodity; and Item 92 (b) (Industrial development cooperation))

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95 (Operational activities for development))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): final reading on draft resolution on financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the senior advisers of the Group of 24 (Washington D.C.) to the Group of 77)

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

EXPERT GROUP ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 93 (d) (Renewal of dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership) and globalization)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Panel

The reconstituted Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development will meet for the first time *today*, 15 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8 to exchange views on the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871). The Panel will be opened by the Secretary-General. The Deputy Secretary-General will take part in the deliberations of the Panel.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures, organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held *today*, 15 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 16 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 39th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);

(c) Curricula Vitae (A/53/352).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Viet Nam
United Kingdom (President of the Conference on Disarmament)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Cuba
Venezuela
Croatia
Belarus
Mauritius
Benin
Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community)

3 p.m. — 8th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Niger
Ecuador
Burkina Faso
Myanmar (on behalf of Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
Uganda
Kuwait
Botswana
Ghana
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Nigeria

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 15th meeting

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 15th meeting

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — informal consultations (closed)

3 p.m.* —

* To be determined.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. — 5th meeting — Coun

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE AND THIRD COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the Chairmen of the Second Committee and the Third Committee will co-preside over a panel discussion on the theme "Poverty, Human Rights and Development", chosen by the General Assembly, which will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World International Movement, and Mr. Douglas Hellinger, Executive Director, The Development Gap. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Conference Room 2

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Conference Room 1

Conference Room 5

Trusteeship
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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal meeting on resource mobilization on Monday, 19 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Monday, 19 and Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 7 and 9, respectively.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (conference room to be determined).

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An informal briefing by the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, on the new ILO international Programme (More and Better Jobs for Women) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Ms. Lin Lim, manager of the new Programme and editor of the recent ILO report entitled "The Sex Sector: The Economic and Social Bases of Prostitution in Southeast Asia", will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Additional information on the new Programme and the ILO report are available on Internet at the following addresses:

www.ilo.org/public/english/60empfor/women/index.htm
www.ilo.org/public/english/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/french/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/spanish/235press/pr/1998/31.htm

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

37th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [29]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/320, Add.1 and 2);*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/53/L.6)*

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.6.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Zambia, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Iraq, South Africa, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Syrian Arab Republic, Namibia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina, Brazil, China, Australia, Norway, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Belarus and the United States.

By 157 votes to 2, with 12 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.6 (resolution 53/4).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Venezuela and Japan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 29.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, San Marino, Egypt, China, India, Kazakhstan, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, Mongolia, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates.

In the exercise of their right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 8th meeting

Effects of Atomic Radiation [81]

The Chairman drew attentions to the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation contained in document A/53/46, as well as to the two reports submitted by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization contained in documents A/53/478 and A/53/483, respectively.

The representative of Sweden introduced the related report (A/53/46) and the draft resolution.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The general debate began with a statement by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries member of the EEA, Iceland and Norway), the Marshall Islands, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)) and China.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 12th meeting

Operational activities [95]

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of the United Nations Development Programme, the Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the Inspector from the Joint Inspection Unit.

A statement was made by the representative on Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Commission that the general discussion on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit would be rescheduled to a later date, as document A/53/154/Add.1 containing the comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination would not be available until 30 October.

The Committee agreed to extend to Friday, 16 October, at 6 p.m. the deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 91 (b) and (d).

Panel discussion

The Committee held a panel discussion on "United Nations Development Assistance Framework".

The panellists, Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of UNDP, Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of UNFPA, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Mr. John Powell, Director of the Strategy and Policy Division of WFP, made presentations and responded to questions raised by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Sweden, Morocco, Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Switzerland, Jamaica, France, India and Ethiopia.

THIRD COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and the Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

A statement was also made by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Bangladesh, Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), China, Norway, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands and Pakistan, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 9 October 1998 addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/23) transmitting a letter from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) made a statement.

Following a statement by the representative of Morocco on a procedural matter, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia and Uganda.

Statements, under agenda item 118, were then made by the representatives of China, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Morocco, Uganda, Yemen, Croatia, Japan, Turkey, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Bahrain and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Following a statement by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Chairman responded to clarification sought by the representatives of India and Australia.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to resume consideration of this issue on Friday, 16 October.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and China.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1998

895th plenary meeting

The Board paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Jean-Pascal Delamuruz, former President of the Swiss Confederation.

Opening of the session

The forty-fifth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Goce Petreski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

Election of officers [1 (a)]

H.E. Mr. Chak Mun See (Singapore) was elected as President, by acclamation.

The Board also elected Mr. Philippe Merlin (France) as Rapporteur and the following 10 Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mr. Nobutoshi Akao (Japan); H.E. Mr. Carlos Amat Flores (Cuba); H.E. Mr. Petko Draganov (Bulgaria); H E. Ms. Savitri Kunadi (India); H.E. Mr. Roderic M.J. Lyne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Mr. Syargei Mikhnevich (Belarus); H.E. Mr. Alphonse Oseku (Uganda); H.E. Mr. Carlos Pérez del Castillo (Uruguay); H.E. Mr. Raimundo Pérez-Hernández (Spain); and H.E. Mr. Mounir Zahran (Egypt).

The Board elected H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi (Finland) as Chairman of Sessional Committee I and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Salah Dembri (Algeria) as Chairman of Sessional Committee II.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session [1 (b)]

The Board adopted the provisional agenda and took note of the organization of work as contained in annexe I and II of document TD/B/45/1. The agenda was orally amended by the President.

General statements

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and the United States.

896th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: the causes, management and prevention of financial crisis [4]

The Board began its consideration of item 4 with an introductory statement by Mr. John Toye, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies. Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Jamaica, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), China, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Chile, India, Thailand, Belarus, Pakistan and the Russian Federation.

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 1998

897th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: the causes, management and prevention of financial crisis [4]

The Board continued its consideration of item 4. The Vice-President, H.E. Mr. Pérez Del Castillo (Uruguay), who had chaired the informal discussions held on 13 October 1998, made a short report. The general debate continued with statements by the representatives of Sri Lanka, Senegal, Switzerland, Malaysia, Cuba, Guatemala, Norway, Egypt, Poland, Uganda and Brazil.

898th plenary meeting

The Board concluded the general debate on item 4 with statements by the representatives of Bulgaria and South Africa, as well as by the observer of the International Federation of Free Trade Unions.

Technical cooperation activities [7]:

(a) Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

Mr. Lehcen Aboutahir, Chairman of the first part of the thirty-second session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget, reported to the Board on the outcome of its work.

Statements by the representatives of Tunisia (on behalf of the African Group), Uruguay (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Madagascar, Norway, Ethiopia, Honduras, Yemen, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Switzerland and Japan.

Mr. Dominik Langenbacher, United Nations Coordinator in Somalia, reported on a number of important activities being undertaken by UNCTAD in the framework of the United Nations programmes of humanitarian assistance and reconstruction in Somalia.

Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [8]

The Board began its consideration of this item with a statement by a member of the representative of the secretariat of UNCITRAL. The Legal Adviser on cooperation between UNCITRAL and UNCTAD held a briefing. The representatives of Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group) and Uruguay made statements. The representative of France posed a question to the member of the UNCITRAL secretariat.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Niue (12 October 1998)*

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, Jamaica, 27 March 1998

Signature: Greece (14 October 1998)

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Niue (12 October 1998)*

Amendments to articles 3 (5) and 9 (8) of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Colombo, 29 November 1991

Acceptance: Palau (12 October 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, wishes to invite all members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media to join him in paying a tribute to the memory of Dr. Mahbud ul Haq, former Special Adviser to the Administrator of UNPD, at a special meeting to be held on *today*, 15 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Amartya K. Sen will deliver the memorial address.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 15 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Mrs. Faith Innerarity, Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, will participate in the ceremony. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Award ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, an awards ceremony, organized by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, at 7.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council. UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Danny Glover, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

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